

## TOWNS THREATENED WITH DESTRUCTION BY OLD VOLCANOES

Vesuvius, Mt. Etna, and Stromboli Suddenly Become Active Again.

### HUNDREDS FLEEING HOMES

Population of Naples and of Sicilian Cities Rush to Places of Safety.

By HENRY WOOD.

NAPLES, Aug. 12.—Vesuvius, Mt. Etna and Stromboli, three of the world's greatest volcanoes, have suddenly become active and are belching forth great clouds of steam and smoke.

Streams of lava are pouring down the eastern slope of Mt. Etna from two new craters, threatening the destruction of Sicilian villages. The whole population of Naples and of Messina and other Sicilian cities is in a state of terror.

Severe earthquake shocks have been felt in Taranto and Brindisi, in southern Italy, according to dispatches received here today, increasing the fear here that a gigantic earth disturbance is about to shake Italy, though Naples scientists are trying to reassure the public.

**First Tremor Felt Tuesday.**

The first earth tremor was felt at Brindisi at 3 o'clock Tuesday morning, followed by nine others. It was estimated that the center of disturbance was 125 miles from Brindisi. The meteorological apparatus at Vesuvius observatory was wrecked by earth tremors yesterday.

En route from Athens to Naples, about the Greek steamer Adriaticus, I personally witnessed the reawakening of the three great Italian volcanoes. Passing through the Ionian Sea, the smoke pouring from Mt. Etna was visible for miles. The top of the great cone, standing two miles above the sea, was shrouded in a thick cap of smoke and steam.

Dispatches from Catania today said that two new craters have been opened on Mt. Etna, on the eastern side, and that a thick stream of lava is pouring down the slopes, threatening the destruction of Casino del Inkie. The people of Catania, often visited by destructive outpourings of lava, are flocking to their churches to implore divine protection.

Messina, sixty miles northeast of the great volcano and the scene of the greatest earthquake disaster in history, is greatly alarmed. The population is clamoring for the traditional procession of the Madonna della Lettera, which has so often saved the city from Etna's wrath, according to popular belief.

**Stromboli Active.**

Stromboli, rising 3,000 feet above the sea on one of the Lipari Islands, was giving forth an angry stream of lava that poured into the sea and spouting forth a thin dust of ash, flames and smoke as the Adriatic steamed northward. So far as we could ascertain through the smoke haze that overhung the sea none of the small villages at its base had been harmed.

The heavy vapors from Vesuvius clouded the Bay of Naples today. Residents of some of the small villages near the base of the volcano are flocking into Naples, carrying their household goods strapped across their backs.

Vesuvius, standing on the east side of the Bay of Naples and ten miles southeast of Naples, has not been active since 1905. Its most violent eruptions included that of the year '79, destroying Pompeii, Herculaneum and Stabia; the eruption of 1631, overwhelming five towns, and that of 1872.

Mt. Etna lies on the northeast side of Sicily, near the coast, and about twenty miles from Catania. It has been in active eruption about eight times, the eruption of 1686 killing about 60,000 persons. Mt. Etna has not been active since 1882.

Stromboli is on the island of the same name in the Mediterranean, off the north coast of Sicily. Since it was first known to historians, Stromboli has belched forth lava at intervals of a few years.

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Postmasters throughout the United States have been notified by the Post-office Department that no mail other than first class, letters and postcards, should be accepted for delivery in Belgium, or sent for dispatch.

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## RUSS PAPER INSISTS KAISER SOUGHT PEACE

Novo Vremya Asserts Dardanelles and Galicia Were Pledged.

PETROGRAD, Aug. 12.—The newspaper Novo Vremya declares it has positive information that Germany has made separate peace proposals to Russia "through a private agency" on the following basis:

That Russia's frontiers shall remain intact; that Russia shall be given Galicia and the Dardanelles; that Germany shall take Egypt, promising later to restore it to Turkey, and that Germany shall have a free hand in continuing the war against the allies.

## GARRISON DIVIDES FUNDS FOR MILITIA

Half of Sum of \$4,000,000 Will Be For Field Service and Rifle Practice.

Under a new plan, Secretary Garrison has apportioned the \$4,000,000, which is this year's appropriation, to aid the organized militia. Half of the sum is for a field service and rifle practice and is divided among the States according to Congressional representation.

Of the \$3,000,000 for supplies and ammunition, \$400,000 is reserved for special allotment in emergency cases and the rest goes to the States on the basis of efficiency plans adopted by the War Department. The distribution was formerly on the basis of payed strength. But under the new plan it is based on actual strength at the annual inspection.

The new plan results in reductions of appropriation to some States and increases to others. The District's share will be reduced \$1,000. Virginia will suffer a reduction of \$4,000. Maryland will get about the same as last year.

**Beatty Promoted.**

LONDON, Aug. 12.—The Official Gazette announces today that Sir David Beatty has been promoted to be a vice admiral.

**Y.W.C.A. Lawn Fete.**

A considerable sum was added to the funds of the Y. W. C. A. vacation lodge through a lawn fete in the lodge grounds, near Cherrydale, Va., last night. More than 200 persons attended.

## POLICE READY TO ENFORCE SPEED LAW

Major Pullman Promises to Give Prompt Attention to All Complaints.

"Prompt attention will be given by the Police Department to all complaints of violation of the traffic regulations governing the speed of vehicles."

This was the statement of Major Pullman today, in reference to resolutions adopted at a meeting of the Safety First Association in the Public Library last night, calling upon the Police Department and the Commissioners to enforce strictly the regulations governing the speed of motorcycles.

N. G. Henry, in presenting the resolutions, declared that motorists in the fourteenth street use excessive speed. Drivers of fire apparatus, he said, also fail to observe the regulations, even when not going to or from a fire.

Chief Wagner, of the Fire Department, said today that strict orders to obey the traffic regulations have been given the drivers and chauffeurs of the department.

Another resolution adopted by the association calls upon the Police Department to enforce the law providing for rear lights on vehicles. The excuse frequently given by persons arrested on this charge, it was stated by officials of the department, is that "the lights have just gone out."

The association renewed its request for life-saving apparatus along the Potomac river, the canal and at the bathing beach. Resolutions endorsing Major Pullman for organizing a life-saving squad of expert swimmers among members of the Police Department were adopted.

Necessity for additional sidewalks and foot paths, especially in the suburban sections, was brought to the attention of the Commissioners in resolutions offered by J. Clinton Hlatt. A. J. Driscoll, a member of the association, who has just returned from visit to the Pacific coast, said today that he found the traffic regulations better enforced in Washington than in any city he visited.

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## What \$5 Will Buy

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## Friday and Saturday Odds and Ends

Taffeta and Net Dresses sold up to \$45. . . .  
Net and Lace Dresses sold up to \$45. . . .  
Evening Gowns sold up to \$65. . . .  
Afternoon Dresses sold up to \$45. . . .  
Summer Dresses sold up to \$35. . . .  
Spring Suits (a few silks) sold to \$35. . . .  
Golfing Coats (all shades) sold to \$22.50. . . .  
Light Weight Wraps and Coats sold to \$25. . . .  
Evening Wraps and Cloth Capes sold to \$35. . . .  
Golfing Skirts (all shades) sold to \$12.50. . . .

Remaining Stock of Tub Skirts  
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NO. 9

Women's Pumps,  
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The Sizes and Widths Are As Follows:

SIZES	1	1 1/2	2	2 1/2	3	3 1/2	4	4 1/2	5	5 1/2	6	6 1/2	7	7 1/2	8
A	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
B	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
C	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
D	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
E	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1

ALL eyes are directed toward these FRIDAY ONLY sales and their marvelous values. Tomorrow's sale bids fair to eclipse the records established by its predecessors. Remember that these values hold good for Friday, and Friday only!

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